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SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Fowler, at the moment we are in the midst of doing something with medicaid and the transfer of medicaid from the local level to the state level which in at some point is going to have a transfer of employment and benefits and all of that, and I only raise the question that at some point maybe, depending on what happens with the medicaid from here forward, if that might or could have some impact on this bill, and I don't know, I am only raising the question, Steve, is all?

SENATOR FOWLER: Senator Carsten, that is an important point in the medicaid transfer is the transfer of employee benefits who were in the county systems to the state system. The committee has a separate bill, the number of which I can't recall off the top of my head, to deal with the transfer of those benefits and to ensure as much as possible that no employee loses benefits in the transfer but that is in a separate bill but it should come up.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, that will be a trailer bill that will pick those up if it should?

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark, do you wish recognition? Please, may we have order in the Chamber please. There is an awful lot of conversation audible up here. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to ask Senator Fowler a question. What is the fiscal impact of this, Steve?

SENATOR FOWLER: Senator Clark, with the amendments, and the amendments reduce the fiscal impact, the committee actuary indicates that there are...one of the sections of the bill provides that permanent employees between the age of 25 and 30 can elect to join the retirement system. The estimate on that is \$150,000. The addition of the option of permanent part time employees in the retirement system, the estimate is \$30,070, and the change in the vesting is a loss of income and the actuary's estimate is \$75,000. So it is \$180,000, with the committee amendments which reduces the fiscal impact about a third so the committee amendments make it about \$180,000 in cost and an estimated \$75,000 in lost revenue. Without the committee amendments it would be about three times that.

SENATOR CLARK: And this comes out of the general fund?

SENATOR FOWLER: That is general fund, correct.